



30 September 2018

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mon 1st Oct: Meeting God in the silence, 9.30 am, 7.30 pm, The Barns
Tue 2nd Oct: Coffee Break, 10.15 am, venue tbc
Tue 2nd Oct: Apprentice, 4.30 pm, Prayer Room, NR
Wed 3rd Oct: Link, 10 am, Hall, NR
Thu 4th Oct: Singing Circle, 10.30 am, LFCC
Thu 4th Oct: Bible Journaling, from 7 pm, 3 The Spinney

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - TODAY

Today is our annual harvest thanksgiving. The Bible encourages Christians to "remember the poor." Today is a great opportunity to do just that with our harvest offerings:

1. Locally, Bring items of food to the service –goods like tins of soup, jam, vegetable, meat, fish, puddings biscuits, fruit juice/squash, instant coffee, instant hot chocolate, toiletries and pet food. These gifts will be given to the Abingdon Emergency Food Bank
2. Internationally, please bring financial offering, using a gift envelope to Tearfund. Tearfund, is one of our mission associates which works with Christians in developing countries to help the poorest of the poor

THE LEADERSHIP TEAM has met for the first time after summer and mainly covered these areas:

- We reviewed the summer series and styles - generally well received, but with lessons learned.
- We briefly reviewed small groups and were updated on staff changes
- We discussed launching the new welcome materials prepared by Janice and Simon (thank you!) and linking follow up with the welcome team and developing pastoral team.
- We particularly continued looking at how we can best enable discipleship, linking feedback from the vision gathering with how we resource the range of what people need.
- We looked at music for Carols in the Park.

We sadly said 'Goodbye' to Stu, who is leaving the team. We have really appreciated his input and presence. We will be looking at how to replace his position in the team.

WEDNESDAY LIFE GROUP

If anyone is interested in being part of a Wednesday evening Life Group, please have a word with Andrew Turner (529297) or drop him an e-mail (andrew.d.turner@btinternet.com).

NEW OR "NEW-ISH" TO LONG FURLONG

Would you like to meet more people and find out about what goes on? Please come along to a lunch on Sunday 7 October at 12.30 at 7 Holland Road Abingdon OX14 1PH. Children very welcome. Please contact Janice Wenninger at

wenningerhouse@gmail.com (mob: 07941 439534) if you would like to come. We look forward to seeing you then.

ITALIAN MEAL

Thursday 18 October, 7.30 pm, Ask, Abingdon. If you would like to come, please see Anne Taylor, or add your name to the list in the welcome area.

PRIME TIME: "JUST LOOKING" - in Luke's Gospel Are you, or is someone you know, searching for something? Do you have questions to ask about Jesus and who he really is? Then come along to the five week "JUST LOOKING" course, which started last Wednesday in the Coffee Lounge at Christ Church, Northcourt Road, from 2.30pm with refreshments. The weekly course runs to Wednesday 24 October, followed by a social on 7 November, and looks at five different episodes in Jesus' ministry as recorded in Luke's gospel. Do come along, or invite a friend - we'd love to see you and share with you. Further information from Janice Gordon on 01235 553971 or chriswgordon6@aol.com

VISION

As you probably already realise this autumn we are particularly seeking God's vision & values for Christ Church across both sites. The Sunday sermons will feed into this, we began last Sunday & this sermon is now available on CCLF website. Small group materials are also available to help follow up some of these themes and continue our listening together through the week. Existing Life Groups will be following this material in one way or another. If you're not already in a Life Group, there are various ways in which you can still be involved:

1. Join one of the existing groups - see the Midweek Discipleship leaflet for details of the current LF groups
2. If you already meet in a different group (e.g. prayer group), just email the church office for the group materials (or download from website)
3. Join one of the temporary Life Groups which will meet for the next 10 weeks (Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening or Wednesday evening) - ask Phil & Kath for details
4. Come to a one-off vision event in November - one of which will be the **Long Furlong Prayer Evening at LF School on Tues 13 November**
5. Join the weekly **Wednesday morning vision prayer meeting 8-8.45am** in the church at Northcourt Road.

We really need *everyone* to be involved in exploring God's purpose for his church - through our Bible reading, through listening to the Holy Spirit for his specific call on Christ Church, and through our conversations together. Life Groups will be gathering summaries of their own listening, and passing these on the church office. The PCC will seek to distil what God has been saying at the PCC Away Day on 24th Nov. In order to ensure we gather all the different pieces of the jigsaw, there is also a special email address - vision@cca.uk.net - so please do email anything else you sense you've heard from God, many thanks, Phil, Kath & Keith.

PARENTING FOR POSITIVE CHOICES - STARTING 3 OCTOBER.

A six-week course for parents of children aged 8-14 and beyond. Risk-taking and pushing the boundaries is a normal part of growing up but it can be difficult for parents to know how to respond. This course equips parents to help their children make positive choices about drugs and other issues they face. It is run by trained facilitators from the national charity [Care for the Family](#), using their [How to Drugproof Your Kids](#) material. More information and booking [online](#)

PRIME TIME

After much discussion, prayer & listening to God the Prime Time committee with the church leadership have decided that Prime Time August ACTIVITY WEEK 2019 should have a sabbatical year. During this year we will continue seeking to hear what God is saying for the future of Prime Time, as well as continuing to developing ministry with older people and intergenerational ministries.

Other Prime Time activities will continue throughout the year and we hope that some new events/activities may emerge. The Prime Time committee team are always keen for others to volunteer with this core ministry area at CCA, bringing fresh energy, gifts and time. Please feel free to chat to Maggie, the Prime Time Committee, Keith, Ros or Kath to find out more.

Maggie Snowball

YOUTHSCAPE TRAINING for Educators and those working with Young People

On **Wednesday 17 October**, Christ Church is hosting 2 excellent workshops which are open to anyone leading young people, or working with them in a pastoral / educational setting. These courses will be run by Youthscape facilitators. 10am-1pm: Anxiety in Adolescence; 1.30-4.30pm: Young People and Self Esteem.

Tickets cost £45 per session and are available online (discounts available for voluntary church workers – speak to Bea).

WELCOME HOME EVENT FOR PAT HERBERT

On Sunday 7 October MSG is marking Pat's return to Abingdon after 46 years in Ghana. Following an "invitation only" lunch for some of Pat's long-term supporters from Abingdon and beyond, we would like to welcome everyone from church to join us at 3.00pm in The Barns for coffee and cake, to celebrate Pat's many years of service in Ghana and to give her a very warm welcome to her new life back in Abingdon.

CATERING HELP FOR YOUTH

We're looking for a small team to provide a light meal on a Friday evening for the youth setup team (Pasta Bake, Jacket Potatoes, Sausage Casserole, Pizza etc). This would be for around 20 people, to be served at 6.30pm and all finished by 7pm. Specific dates this term: 28/9, 5/10, 12/10, 9/11, 23/11, 30/11, 7/12. If you think you can help with one (or more) of these dates please message bea@cca.uk.net

PRIME TIME CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

Monday 10 December at 12.30 for 1.00pm at The Cosener's House, Abbey Close, Abingdon. Cost: £19.75. Details and menu choices now available from Diana Bryan or the Church Office. Return booking slip by Friday 9 November. We hope that all involved with Prime Time will be able to join us.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY EVENT: 'RAISING FAITH' - WEDS 14TH NOVEMBER AT THE KING'S CENTRE, OXFORD This event aims to encourage Christians to bring God into everyday family life. Katharine Hill & Andy Frost will explore how we can help our children find a faith of their own through discovering God in the everyday. Tickets are £5-£7 depending on size of group. More details from the link below, or get in touch with Hannah Hornsby or Kath Cooke www.careforthefamily.org.uk.

WORTH WATCHING THIS WEEK

On Friday 5 October, at 9pm, CAP and some of our 600 partner churches are the subject of the BBC2 documentary *The Debt Saviours*. The programme profiles the work of the UK Church caring for the poor and rescuing people from debt across the UK.

TIMOTHY (FRIEND OF BEN JEAPES) is a 63-year-old Christian retired academic, widower, in need of accommodation in Oxford: preferably a one-bedroom property inside the ring road. He is on the waiting list for sheltered accommodation but meanwhile his present landlord is evicting him. Can you help, or think of someone who might? If so then please contact him at t.w.bartel@phonecoop.coop.

CCA FOOTBALL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT at Tilsley Park 8pm. Ages 16 and up. Email terryoneill2@hotmail.com

LOST PROPERTY. PLEASE CLAIM!

After last Sunday's wet start, several umbrellas were left at church. Also, from a few weeks ago, a navy fleece zip hoodie, a purple drink bottle and a small girl's white embroidered cardigan. They are on the lost property chair in the foyer. If you realise you have left something behind in church, do contact Graham or Jane Robinson (01235 202514): they usually take care of forgotten items.

THE ANNUAL MICHAELMAS FAIR SERVICE is being held at 8pm on Sunday 7 October on the Carousal in the Market Place. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL that will prayerfully support you in teaching your child from a Christian Worldview? The King's School Witney, Open Day: Saturday 6th October 10.30am-12.30pm, www.tkswitney.org.uk.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE BARN'S CAFÉ

Ever thought about volunteering at The Barns Cafe? It is one of the best ways to meet new people of all ages from Christ Church, from other local churches, and from the local community. If you regularly have some free time in your week and would like to use it to serve our community and make some great friends, then please get in touch with Hannah at hannah@thebarnscafe.co.uk. We are particularly looking for more team on Tuesday afternoons and on Thursdays.

ABINGDON MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTIAN CARE FOR THE FAMILIES Tuesday 2 October 10:30am in St Helen's Parish Centre "in Mary Summer's Footsteps"

MAKE YOUR OWN APPLE JUICE

Apple juicing open for drop-in, or can accept your windfalls. At the Community Shop in the Precinct, Oct 1st-6th and 10th-13th, 11am-2pm, or book it for the rest of the day: contact carbon.cutters@gmail.com or susiehoward1@gmail.com. *Richard Riggs (521931)*

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR AT MAYOTT HOUSE Permanent 10 hours a week £7.99 per hour. <https://www.osjct.co.uk/careers/find-a-job/activities-faciliator/#loaded>

CHILDREN IN THE PLAYGROUND

Parents, please could you ensure that your children are supervised in the playground after the service and do not go into the fenced areas to the left and right of the main play area. They are your responsibility!

PERSONAL Working professional Christian lady needs affordable and private accommodation on a temporary basis. Will consider house sitting if needed. Please contact Christine in the church office office@cca.uk.net 01235 539172

Wanted: Cook, for around 20 elderly folk, two days a week. A very happy day centre in Hinton Waldrist needs a cook to work as part of a splendid team of leaders, on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Very respectable payment available, needs to be able to work flexibly and with own initiative. Anyone interested should contact Brian and Peggy Woolnough (01235-202146) asap for further details

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Caroline Craig, Louis Furlong, David Robertson, Isaac Grange, Tom Bewley, Rachel Robertson, Logan Mazie (Jane J's great nephew), Nessa Watts

If you have any items for the newsletter or for prayers, please contact Anne Taylor
annejbtaylor61@gmail.com or 528505.

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